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Substitute House Bill No. 6321

House of Representatives, May 11, 2011

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE TRANSITION PILOT PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of Education,
2 in consultation with the Commissioner of Higher Education, shall (1)
3 establish within existing budgetary resources, or (2) apply for any
4 available federal, state or private money to enable said commissioners
5 to establish, a college transition pilot program at three programs of
6 adult classes maintained or provided by a local or regional board of
7 education in accordance with section 10-69 of the general statutes.
- 8 (b) Such college transition pilot program shall offer college
9 preparatory classes to adults who (1) have obtained a high school
10 diploma or its equivalent, and (2) require intensive postsecondary
11 developmental education that will enable such adults to enroll directly
12 in a program of higher learning, as defined in section 10a-34 of the
13 general statutes, at an institution of higher education upon completion
14 of such pilot program.

15 (c) Not later than October 1, 2012, the Commissioners of Education
16 and Higher Education shall report to the joint standing committees of
17 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
18 education and education, in accordance with the provisions of section
19 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the results of the pilot
20 program. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The
21 number, ages and educational history of the adults who participated in
22 the pilot program; (2) the dates each adult participated in such pilot
23 program; (3) the subject matter in which each such adult required
24 postsecondary developmental education; (4) a description of the
25 college preparatory classes that were offered through such pilot
26 program; (5) the level of improvement of each such adult in each
27 subject matter in which such adult required postsecondary
28 developmental education; (6) the results of any college placement
29 examinations taken by each such adult and the dates of such
30 examinations; (7) whether any adults who participated in such pilot
31 program applied for acceptance to, enrolled in or registered for a
32 program of higher learning at an institution of higher education prior
33 to or upon completion of such pilot program and, if so, a description of
34 such program of higher learning; and (8) the cost of offering college
35 preparatory classes through such pilot program in comparison to the
36 cost of offering the equivalent or similar postsecondary developmental
37 education classes at an institution of higher education in this state.

38 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of Education, in
39 consultation with the Commissioner of Higher Education, shall (1)
40 establish within existing budgetary resources, or (2) apply for any
41 available federal, state or private money to enable such commissioners
42 to establish a college transition pilot program at James Hillhouse High
43 School and Gateway Community College.

44 (b) Such college transition pilot program shall offer college
45 preparatory classes to high school students who (1) have not yet
46 obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent, and (2) require
47 intensive developmental education that will enable such students to
48 enroll directly in a program of higher learning, as defined in section

49 10a-34 of the general statutes, at an institution of higher education
50 upon completion of such pilot program.

51 (c) Not later than October 1, 2012, the Commissioners of Education
52 and Higher Education shall report to the joint standing committees of
53 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
54 education and education, in accordance with the provisions of section
55 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the results of the pilot
56 program. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The
57 number, ages and educational history of the students who participated
58 in the pilot program; (2) the dates each student participated in such
59 pilot program; (3) the subject matter in which each such student
60 required developmental education; (4) a description of the college
61 preparatory classes that were offered through such pilot program; (5)
62 the level of improvement of each such student in each subject matter in
63 which such student required developmental education; (6) the results
64 of any college placement examinations taken by each such student and
65 the dates of such examinations; (7) whether any students who
66 participated in such pilot program applied for acceptance to, enrolled
67 in or registered for a program of higher learning at an institution of
68 higher education prior to or upon completion of such pilot program
69 and, if so, a description of such program of higher learning; and (8) the
70 cost of offering college preparatory classes through such pilot program
71 in comparison to the cost of offering the equivalent or similar
72 developmental education classes at an institution of higher education
73 in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2011	New section

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Implements the Budget	420,000	420,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 of the bill, which creates a college transition pilot program, is anticipated to result in an additional cost of approximately \$320,000. The pilot program will be offered at three adult education program locations, and will target 25 individuals per program. It is anticipated that each of the pilot locations will require \$90,000, and this funding will provide for counseling, instructors and instructional supplies for each of the 25 students. Additionally, \$50,000 is required for the State Department of Education (SDE) for administrative and evaluation expenses, including: developing an RFP, administering the grants, and monitoring and evaluating student performance.

Additionally, **Section 2** of the bill creates a college transition pilot program at James Hillhouse High School in collaboration with Gateway Community College. It is anticipated that this program will cost \$90,000 with an additional \$10,000 needed for administrative and evaluation expenses.

SB 1239 (the biennial budget) as passed by the Senate and the House contains the \$420,000 in FY 12 and FY 13 required for the four new programs.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/25/2011)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 19 (04/25/2011)